



House Bill 2015 Study Session - Draft Date to be Determined

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Agenda

- House Bill 2015 Overview
- Redmond Police Staffing History
- Options, Recommendations, and Impacts
- Next Steps



HB 2015 - Overview

Washington State has provided two revenue opportunities in the form of a grant and councilmanic sales tax increase to create a mechanism for cities to expand criminal justice staffing and programs.

- Enacted July 2025
- Both restricted to criminal justice programs
- The allowable sales tax increase is one tenth of a percent (.1%)
- The grant timeline is 7/27/25 to 6/30/28 with \$100MM available for award
- After June 2028, the sales tax increase requires voter approval instead of being councilmanic
- Collection of sales tax revenue can be implemented starting January 2026 and on a quarterly basis thereafter to allow the Department of Revenue time to begin collections

HB 2015 - Two New Funding Mechanisms

Grant

- Administered by Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC)
- \$100 million program
- Expires June 2028
- Can use for hiring/training new officers and co-responders
- \$125K per position maximum
- Policy & training requirements
- Must already impose or receive one of three available public safety or criminal justice sales taxes

Separate, but linked

Must qualify for the grant to impose the sales tax

Must already impose/receive a public safety sales tax to receive grant

Sales Tax

- Councilmanic until June 2028
- .1% tax on sales & use
- Permanent
- Broad use for criminal justice
- Stackable with other taxes & jurisdictions
- Need to meet the same requirements as the grant
- Do not need to apply for or receive the grant, just qualify

HB 2015 - Qualifications

- **Attorney General Training & Policies:** Established policies that comply with state law as well as the Attorney General's guidance for law enforcement practices related to citizenship status
- **CJTC Trainings:** Participated in Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) trainings related to behavioral health and first aid
- **Use of Force Policies:** Complied with state laws on use of force data reporting
- **Court-Ordered Firearm Relinquishment:** Established policies related to civil protection orders and the court-ordered surrender of firearms
- **Crisis Intervention Training:** At least 25% of officers have completed CJTC crisis intervention team training
- **Gender-Based Violence Trainings:** 100% completion by required officers of CJTC trainings on sexual assault and gender-based violence

HB 2015 - Qualifications (Cont'd)

- **Receive/Impose Sales Taxes:** Receive funds from or authorized a public safety or criminal justice sales tax
- **Leadership Requirements:** A police chief, sheriff, or marshal who is CJTC-certified and has no felony convictions or gross misdemeanor convictions for moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, or corruption
- **Volunteer Requirements:** Establish policies and procedures for supervising agency volunteers
- **Staffing Plans:** Provide detailed staffing reports and plans
- **911 & Case Closure Rates:** Provide average rates from the preceding year for 911 responses and case closures
- **Voting Requirements:** Voters have not repealed a tax imposed pursuant to RCW 82.14.340 nor rejected a ballot proposition imposing taxes pursuant to RCW 82.14.450 in the past 12 months

HB 2015 - Eligible Expenditures

The sales tax funding can be used for all criminal justice and related expenses, while the grant is limited to:

Recruiting & Retaining:

- **New** positions only
- Lateral hires not allowed
- Law enforcement officers
- Peer counselors
- Behavioral health personnel

Training:

- Use of force
- De-escalation
- Crisis intervention
- Trauma informed trainings

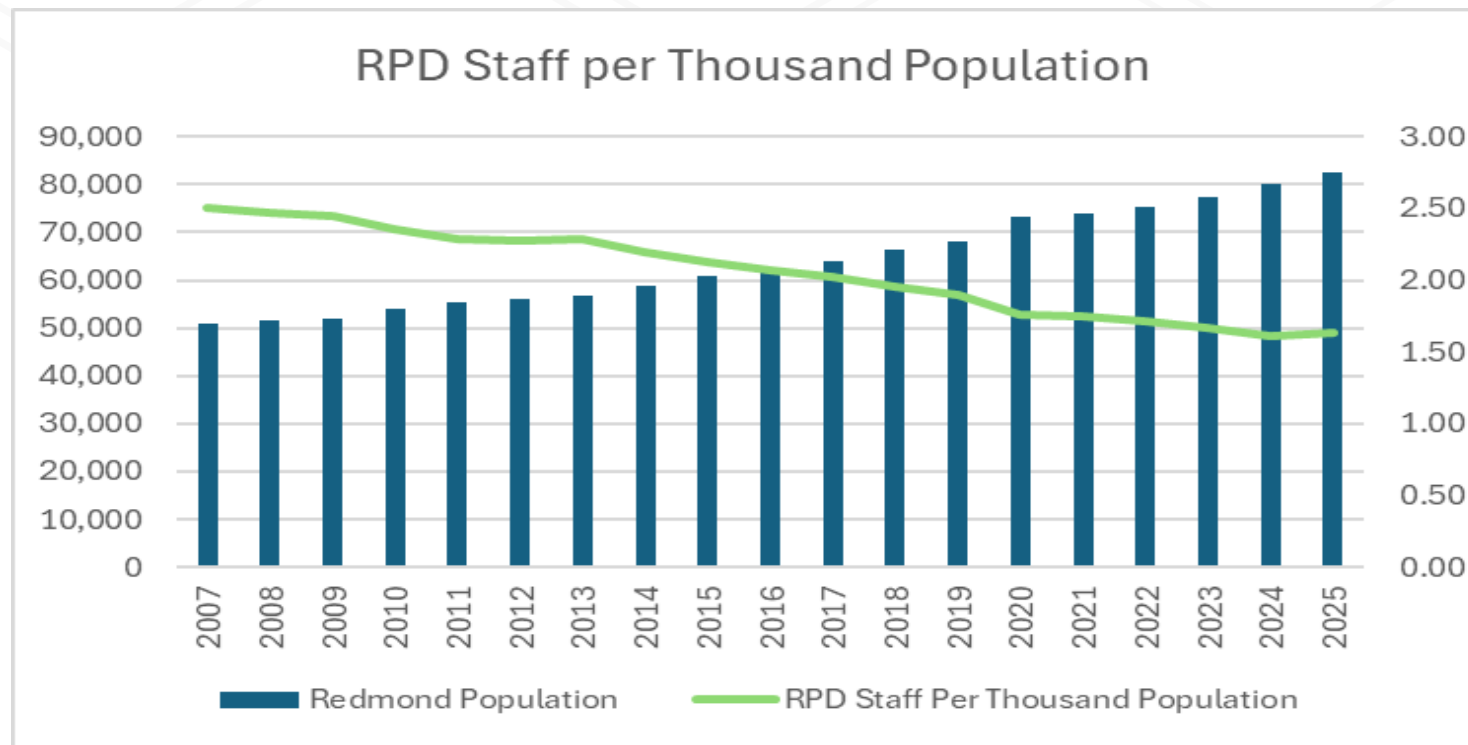
General Law Enforcement:

- Emergency management planning
- Environmental hazard mitigations
- Security personnel
- Community outreach & assistance
- Alternative response programs
- Mental health crisis response



HB 2015 - Redmond Police Staff vs. Population

- Redmond Police was authorized at 127.50 full-time equivalent employees in 2007 and is authorized at 135.00 in 2025.
- The 2007 estimated population of Redmond was 50,898 and the 2025 estimate is 82,380.



HB 2015 - RPD Recent Efficiency & Process Improvements

- Drone as a first responder program
- Excellence in Training Management
- Real-Time Information Center
- Speed Safety Camera Pilot Program



HB 2015 - Options & Recommendations (Slide(s) under development)

- Finance staff is continuing to learn about administration & requirements
- Options expected to include:
 - Grant and sales tax opportunities
 - Decreasing or eliminating existing taxes
 - Ongoing and one-time needs
 - Implementing new programs
 - Timing



HB 2015 - Cumulative Taxpayer Impacts

Jurisdiction	Tax	Type	Increase	Status
King County	Sales Tax	HB 2015	.1%	Approved
King County	Sales Tax	Transportation Benefit District	.1%	Pending
King County	Property Tax	Parks Levy		Pending
Redmond	Sales Tax	HB 2015	.1%	Pending

- If all sales taxes imposed, the rate would increase from 10.3% to 10.6%, resulting in an estimated annual increase of \$485.00 per Redmond household.
- King County property tax levy would add approximate \$70.00 per household annually.

Next Steps

- Council direction on further conversation



Thank you

Any Questions?

